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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003; and except as recited herein.

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filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English-language abstracts, machine translations or, in some cases, both, are being submitted, as indicated on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (Modified) Form, for all of the listed patent documents, except WO 99/48942, which constitute a concise statement of relevance for these documents. WO 99/48942 corresponds to the listed U.S. 6,884,852. In addition, a partial English translation of "Sealing News 35" (pages 15-27 and 40) and a concise statement of the document are being submitted, which constitute concise statements of relevance for this document.

Further, on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (Modified) Form, applicants have identified each document by a "Cite No.," with the Cite Nos. being 1-45. Documents with Cite Nos. 8-16 and 18-37 are cited and discussed at pages 2-3 of the present specification. Documents with Cite Nos. 17, 36 and 38-40 were cited in Third-Party Observations filed in applicants' corresponding Japanese application JP 2002-364490. These Third-Party Observations were received by applicants on October 25, 2006 and October 1, 2007. Applicants enclose copies of these Third-Party Observations, which are in the Japanese language. In addition, the foreign-language documents with Cite Nos. 26 and 41-45, as well as the English-language documents with Cite Nos. 1-3, were cited in a European Opposition filed in applicants' corresponding European Patent EP 1 566 412.

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The Japanese-language documents with Cite Nos. 5-7 were previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 29, 2005. Accordingly, only the abstract and machine translation are being submitted at the present time.

Should the Examiner require full translations of any of the listed documents or for any of the Third-Party Observations or EPO Opposition, they will be prepared on the Examiner's request.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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